

# THE STRUCTURE OF STRONG LINEAR PRESERVERS OF GW-MAJORIZATION ON $M_{N,M}^*$

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**Abstract.** Let  $M_{n,m}$  be the set of all  $n \times m$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{F}$ , where  $\mathbb{F}$  is the field of real or complex numbers. A matrix  $R \in M_n$  with the property  $Re=e$ , is said to be a g-row stochastic (generalized row stochastic) matrix. Let  $A, B \in M_{n,m}$ , so  $B$  is said to be gw-majorized by  $A$  if there exists an  $n \times n$  g-row stochastic matrix  $R$  such that  $B=RA$ . In this paper we characterize all linear operators that strongly preserve gw-majorization on  $M_{n,m}$  and all linear operators that strongly preserve matrix majorization on  $M_n$ .

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**1. Introduction.** A nonnegative matrix  $R \in M_n$  with the property  $Re=e$ , is said to be a row stochastic matrix. Let  $A, B \in M_{n,m}$ , so  $B$  is said to be matrix-majorized by  $A$  if there exists an  $n \times n$  row stochastic matrix  $R$  such that  $B=RA$ . The definition of matrix majorization was introduced by Dahl in [6]. For more information about majorization see [5] and [8].

Let  $\sim$  be a relation on  $M_{n,m}$ . A linear operator  $T: M_{n,m} \rightarrow M_{n,m}$  is said to be a linear strong preserver of  $\sim$  whenever:

$$x \sim y \iff T(x) \sim T(y).$$

A matrix  $D \in M_n$  with the properties  $De=e$  and  $D^t e=e$ , is said to be a g-doubly stochastic matrix. Let  $A, B \in M_{n,m}$ , so  $B$  is said to be gs-majorized by  $A$  if there exists an  $n \times n$  g-doubly stochastic matrix  $D$  such that  $B=DA$ . The definition of gs-majorization was introduced in [1] and authors proved that a linear operator  $T: M_{n,m} \rightarrow M_{n,m}$  strongly preserves gs-majorization if and only if  $T(X) = AXR + JXS$  for some  $R, S \in M_m$  and  $A \in M_n$ , such that  $A$ ,  $R$  and  $R + nS$  are invertible and  $A$  is g-doubly stochastic.

In [3], Beasley, S.-G. Lee and Y.H Lee proved that, if a linear operator  $T: M_n \rightarrow M_n$  strongly preserves matrix majorization then, there exist a permutation  $P$  and an invertible matrix  $M \in M_n$  such that  $T(X) = PXM$  for every  $X$  in  $span\{R_n\}$ , where  $R_n$  is the set of all  $n \times n$  row stochastic matrices, and currently A.M. Hasani and M. Radjabalipour in [7] showed that:

$$(1.1) \quad T(X) = PXM, \forall X \in M_n.$$

In [2] authors introduced gw-majorization and characterized its strong linear preservers on  $M_n$ . In this paper, we will to show that a linear operator  $T: M_{n,m} \rightarrow$

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$\mathbf{M}_{n,m}$  strongly preserves gw-majorization if and only if  $T(X) = AXB$  for every  $X$  in  $\mathbf{M}_{n,m}$ , where  $A \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  and  $B \in \mathbf{M}_m$  are invertible matrices. In the end we state a corollary that regains (1.1).

Throughout this paper,  $\mathbf{GR}_n$  is the set of all  $g$ -row stochastic matrices,  $e = (1, \dots, 1)^t \in \mathbb{F}^n$  and  $J = ee^t \in \mathbf{M}_n$ .

**2. Strong linear preservers of gw-majorization on  $\mathbf{M}_{n,m}$ .** In this section we state some properties of gw-majorization on  $\mathbf{M}_{n,m}$  then we characterize all linear operators on  $\mathbf{M}_{n,m}$  that strongly preserve gw-majorization.

A matrix  $R \in \mathbf{M}_n$  with the property  $Re = e$ , is said to be a  $g$ -row stochastic matrix. For more details see [4].

**DEFINITION 2.1.** Let  $A, B \in \mathbf{M}_{n,m}$ . The matrix  $B$  is said to be gw-majorized by  $A$  if there exists an  $n \times n$   $g$ -row stochastic matrix  $R$  such that  $B = RA$  and denoted by  $A \succ_{gw} B$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.2.** Let  $T : \mathbf{M}_{n,m} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{n,m}$  be a linear operator that strongly preserves gw-majorization. Then  $T$  is invertible.

*Proof.* Suppose  $T(A) = 0$ . Since  $T$  is linear and  $0 \succ_{gw} T(A)$ ,  $T(0) \succ_{gw} T(A)$ . Therefore,  $0 \succ_{gw} A$  because  $T$  strongly preserves gw-majorization. Then, there exists an  $n \times n$   $g$ -row stochastic matrix  $R$  such that  $A = R0$ . Then,  $A = 0$  and hence  $T$  is invertible.  $\square$

**REMARK 2.3.** Let  $A, B$  be two  $g$ -row stochastic matrices then,  $AB$  and  $A^{-1}$  (If  $A$  is invertible) are  $g$ -row stochastic matrices.

The relation gw-majorization on  $\mathbf{M}_{n,m}$  has the following properties :  
Let  $X, Y \in \mathbf{M}_{n,m}$ ,  $A, B \in \mathbf{GR}_n$ ,  $C \in \mathbf{M}_m$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $A, B$  and  $C$  are invertible and  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

1.  $X \succ_{gw} Y$
2.  $AX \succ_{gw} BY$
3.  $\alpha X + \beta J_{n,m} \succ_{gw} \alpha Y + \beta J_{n,m}$
4.  $XC \succ_{gw} YC$

Where  $J_{n,m}$  is the  $n \times m$  matrix whose all entries are equal one.

Now, we characterize the linear preservers of gw-majorization on  $\mathbb{F}^n$ .

**LEMMA 2.4.** Let  $x \in \mathbb{F}^n$ . Then  $x \succ_{gw} y$ ,  $\forall y \in \mathbb{F}^n$  if and only if  $x \notin \text{span}\{e\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \succ_{gw} y$ ,  $\forall y \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , it is clear that  $x \notin \text{span}\{e\}$ . Conversely, let  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^t \notin \text{span}\{e\}$ , then  $x$  has at least two distinct components such as  $x_k$  and  $x_l$ . Let  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^t \in \mathbb{F}^n$  be arbitrary, for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  define  $r_{ik} = \frac{y_i - x_l}{x_k - x_l}$ ,  $r_{il} = \frac{-y_i + x_k}{x_k - x_l}$  and  $r_{ij} = 0$  If  $j \neq k, l$ . Then  $R = (r_{ij}) \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  and  $Rx = y$ , so  $x \succ_{gw} y$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 2.5.** Let  $T : \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^n$  be a non zero linear operator. Then  $T$  preserves gw-majorization if and only if  $x \notin \text{span}\{e\}$  implies that  $T(x) \notin \text{span}\{e\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $T$  preserves gw-majorization. Assume that  $x \notin \text{span}\{e\}$ , then  $x \succ_{gw} y$ ,  $\forall y \in \mathbb{F}^n$  by Lemma 2.4. Therefore  $T(x) \succ_{gw} T(y)$ ,  $\forall y \in \mathbb{F}^n$ . If  $T(x) \in \text{span}\{e\}$  then  $T = 0$ , a contradiction, so  $T(x) \notin \text{span}\{e\}$ .

Conversely, let  $x \notin \text{span}\{e\}$  implies that  $T(x) \notin \text{span}\{e\}$ . If  $x \succ_{gw} y$  then we have two cases:

Case 1; Let  $x \in \text{span}\{e\}$ , then  $x = y$  and hence  $T(x) = T(y)$ .

Case 2; Let  $x \notin \text{span}\{e\}$ , then  $T(x) \notin \text{span}\{e\}$  by hypostasis, so by Lemma 2.4,  $T(x) \succ_{gw} Z, \forall Z \in \mathbb{F}^n$  and hence  $T(x) \succ_{gw} T(y)$ . Then T preserves gw-majorization.  $\square$

**THEOREM 2.6.** *Let  $T : \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^n$  be a linear operator. Then T preserves gw-majorization if and only if  $T(x) = \alpha Rx$  for some  $R \in \mathbf{M}_n$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$ , such that either  $\ker(R) = \text{span}\{e\}$  and  $e \notin \text{Im}(R)$  or  $R \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  is invertible.*

*Proof.* If  $T = 0$ , we put  $\alpha = 0$ . Let  $T \neq 0$  and A be the matrix representation of T with respect to the standard basis of  $\mathbb{F}^n$ . Now, we consider two cases:

Case 1; Let T be invertible. Then there exists  $b \in \mathbb{F}^n$  such that  $Ab = e$ . So  $b = re$ , for some  $r \in \mathbb{F}$ , by Lemma 2.5. Then  $Ae = \frac{1}{r}e$ , therefore  $T(x) = \alpha Rx$ , where  $\alpha = \frac{1}{r}$  and  $R = (rA) \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  is invertible.

Case 2; Let T be singular. Then by Lemma 2.5,  $\ker(T) = \text{span}\{e\}$  and  $e \notin \text{Im}(T)$ . So  $\ker(A) = \text{span}\{e\}$  and  $e \notin \text{Im}(A)$ . The converse is trivial.  $\square$

Now, we state the following two Lemmas to prove the main Theorem of this paper.

**LEMMA 2.7.** *Let  $A \in \mathbf{M}_n$  be such that  $\ker(A) = \text{span}\{e\}$ . Then there exist  $x_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{F}^n$  and  $R_0 \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  such that  $x_0 + Ay_0$  doesn't gw-majorize  $R_0x_0 + AR_0y_0$ .*

*Proof.* Assume if possible,

$$(2.1) \quad x + Ay \succ_{gw} Rx + ARy, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{F}^n, \forall R \in \mathbf{GR}_n.$$

Now, we consider two cases:

Case 1; Let  $e \in \text{Im}(A)$ , then there exists  $y_0 \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , such that  $Ay_0 = e$ . Put  $x = 0, y = y_0$  in (2.1) then  $ARy_0 = e, \forall R \in \mathbf{GR}_n$ , a contradiction.

Case 2; Let  $e \notin \text{Im}(A)$ , then  $\mathbb{F}^n = \text{Im}(A) \oplus \text{span}\{e\}$ . So for every  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ), there exist  $y_i \in \mathbb{F}^n$  and  $r_i \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $e_i = Ay_i + r_ie$ . Put  $x = e - (e_i - r_ie)$  and  $y = y_i$  in (2.1), then

$$(2.2) \quad r_ie - Re_i + ARy_i = 0, \forall R \in \mathbf{GR}_n.$$

For every  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n, j \neq i$ ) put  $R_j = ee_j^t$  in (2.2), then  $r_i = 0$ , for every  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). Therefore  $Ay_i = e_i$ , for every  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ), then  $\text{Im}(A) = \mathbb{F}^n$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

**LEMMA 2.8.** *Let  $A \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  be invertible. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

(a)  $A = I$

(b)  $(x + Ay) \succ_{gw} (Rx + ARy), \forall R \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  and  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{F}^n$ .

*Proof.* It is clear that, (a) implies (b). Conversely, let (b) holds. The matrix A is invertible, then for every  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) there exists  $y_i \in \mathbb{F}^n$  such that  $Ay_i = e - e_i$ . By hypostasis  $(e_i + Ay_i) \succ_{gw} (Re_i + ARy_i), \forall R \in \mathbf{GR}_n$ , then

$$(2.3) \quad (Re_i + ARy_i) = e, \forall R \in \mathbf{GR}_n.$$

For every  $R \in \mathbf{GR}_n$ , it is clear that  $R[J - (n-1)A] \in \mathbf{GR}_n$ , therefore by (2.3),

$$\begin{aligned} R[J - (n-1)A]e_i + AR[J - (n-1)A]y_i = e &\Rightarrow (RA - AR)e_i = 0, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \\ &\Rightarrow AR = RA, \forall R \in \mathbf{GR}_n. \end{aligned}$$

So it is easy to show that  $A=I$ .  $\square$

Now, we state the main Theorem of this paper.

**THEOREM 2.9.** *Let  $T : \mathbf{M}_{n,m} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{n,m}$  be a linear operator. Then  $T$  strongly preserves gw-majorization if and only if  $T(X) = AXB$  for every  $X \in \mathbf{M}_{n,m}$ , where  $A \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  and  $B \in \mathbf{M}_m$  are invertible.*

*Proof.* If  $m=1$ , the result is implied by Theorem 2.6, so let  $m \geq 2$ . Define the embedding  $E^j : \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{n,m}$  by  $E^j(x) = xe_j^t$  and projection  $E_i : \mathbf{M}_{n,m} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^n$  by  $E_i(X) = Xe_i$  for every  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ . Put  $T_i^j = E_i T E^j$  and let  $X = [x_1 | \dots | x_m] \in \mathbf{M}_{n,m}$  where  $x_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  column of  $X$ . Then,

$$T(X) = T([x_1 | \dots | x_m]) = [\sum_{j=1}^m T_1^j(x_j) | \dots | \sum_{j=1}^m T_m^j(x_j)].$$

It is easy to show that  $T_i^j : \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^n$  preserves gw-majorization. Then by Theorem 2.6, there exist  $\alpha_i^j \in \mathbb{F}$ , and  $A_i^j \in \mathbf{M}_n$  such that  $T_i^j(x) = \alpha_i^j A_i^j x$  where either  $A_i^j \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  is invertible or  $\ker(A_i^j) = \text{span}\{e\}$  and  $e \notin \text{Im}(A_i^j)$ . Then,

$$(2.4) \quad T(X) = [\sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_i^j A_i^j x_j | \dots | \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_m^j A_m^j x_j].$$

Now, we consider three steps for the proof.

Step 1. In this step we will to show that, if there exist  $p$  and  $q$  ( $1 \leq p, q \leq m$ ) such that  $\alpha_p^q \neq 0$  and  $A_p^q \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  is invertible, then for every  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq m$ ),  $A_p^j = A_p^q$ . If  $\alpha_p^j = 0$ , without lose of generality we can choose  $A_p^j = A_p^q$ . Let  $\alpha_p^j \neq 0$ . For every  $x, y \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , put  $X = xe_q^t + ye_j^t$ , then  $T(X) \succ_{gw} T(RX), \forall R \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  and hence by (2.4),

$$\alpha_p^q A_p^q x + \alpha_p^j A_p^j y \succ_{gw} \alpha_p^q A_p^q Rx + \alpha_p^j A_p^j Ry, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{F}^n, \forall R \in \mathbf{GR}_n \Rightarrow$$

$$x + (A_p^q)^{-1} A_p^j (\frac{\alpha_p^j}{\alpha_p^q} y) \succ_{gw} Rx + (A_p^q)^{-1} A_p^j R (\frac{\alpha_p^j}{\alpha_p^q} y), \forall x, y \in \mathbb{F}^n, \forall R \in \mathbf{GR}_n \Rightarrow$$

$$x + (A_p^q)^{-1} A_p^j y \succ_{gw} Rx + (A_p^q)^{-1} A_p^j Ry, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{F}^n, \forall R \in \mathbf{GR}_n.$$

So by Lemma 2.7,  $A_p^j$  is invertible and hence by Lemma 2.8,  $A_p^j = A_p^q$ . Set  $A_p = A_p^q$ , then

$$T(X) = [\sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_1^j A_1^j x_j | \dots | A_p \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_p^j x_j | \dots | \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_m^j A_m^j x_j].$$

Step 2. In this step we will to show that for every  $i$  and  $j$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq m$ ),  $A_i^j \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  is invertible if  $\alpha_i^j \neq 0$ . Assume if possible there exist  $r$  and  $s$  ( $1 \leq r, s \leq m$ ), such that  $\ker(A_r^s) = \text{span}\{e\}$  and  $\alpha_r^s \neq 0$ . Without lose of generality we can assume that  $r=m$ , then by step 1, for every  $1 \leq j \leq m$ ,  $\ker(A_m^j) = \text{span}\{e\}$ . Now, we construct a non

zero  $n \times m$  matrix  $U$ , such that  $T(U)=0$ . Consider the vectors:

$$b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1^1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{m-1}^1 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, b_m = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1^m \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{m-1}^m \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{F}^{m-1}.$$

It is clear that  $\{b_1, \dots, b_m\}$  is a linearly dependent set in  $\mathbb{F}^{m-1}$ , so there exist (not all zero)  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m \in \mathbb{F}$ , such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \alpha_i^j = 0, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, m-1\}.$$

Now, define  $U := [\lambda_1 e | \dots | \lambda_m e] \in \mathbf{M}_{n,m}$ . It is clear that,  $U \neq 0$  and

$$T(U) = [\sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \alpha_1^j A_1^j e | \dots | \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \alpha_m^j A_m^j e].$$

We will show that  $T(U)=0$ . Since  $\ker(A_m^j) = \text{span}\{e\}$ , it is clear that  $\sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \alpha_m^j A_m^j e = 0$  and hence the last column of  $T(U)$  is zero. Now, for every  $k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq m-1$ ), we consider the  $k^{\text{th}}$  column of  $T(U)$ :

Case 1; Let  $\alpha_k^l \neq 0$  and  $A_k^l \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  be invertible for some  $l$  ( $1 \leq l \leq m$ ), then by step 1 ,

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \alpha_k^j A_k^j e = A_k^l (\sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \alpha_k^j) e = 0.$$

Case 2; Let for every  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq m$ ),  $A_k^j$  be non invertible, then  $\ker(A_k^j) = \text{span}\{e\}$ , so  $\sum_{j=1}^m \lambda_j \alpha_k^j A_k^j e = 0$ . Therefore  $T(U)=0$ , a contradiction. So by step 1 there exist invertible matrices  $A_i \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ) such that  $T(X) = T[x_1 | \dots | x_m] = [A_1 X a_1 | \dots | A_m X a_m]$ , where  $a_i = (\alpha_i^1, \dots, \alpha_i^m)^t$ , for every  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ).

Step 3. In this step we will to show that  $A_i = A_1$ , for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Now, we show that  $\text{rank}[a_1 | \dots | a_m] \geq 2$ . Assume if possible,  $\{a_1, \dots, a_m\} \subseteq \text{span}\{a\}$ , for some  $a \in \mathbb{F}^m$ . Since  $m \geq 2$ , then we choose  $b \in (\text{span}\{a\})^\perp \setminus \{0\}$ . Define  $X_0 := e_1 b^t \in \mathbf{M}_{n,m}$ . It is clear that  $X_0 \neq 0$  and  $T(X_0) = 0$ , a contradiction and hence  $\text{rank}[a_1 | \dots | a_m] \geq 2$ . Without loss of generality we can assume that  $\{a_1, a_2\}$  is a linearly independent set. Let  $X \in \mathbf{M}_{n,m}$  and  $R \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  be arbitrary, then

$$\begin{aligned} X \succ_{gw} RX &\Rightarrow T(X) \succ_{gw} T(RX) \\ &\Rightarrow [A_1 X a_1 | \dots | A_m X a_m] \succ_{gw} [A_1 R X a_1 | \dots | A_m R X a_m] \\ &\Rightarrow A_1 X a_1 + A_2 X a_2 \succ_{gw} A_1 R X a_1 + A_2 R X a_2 \\ (2.5) \quad &\Rightarrow X a_1 + (A_1^{-1} A_2) X a_2 \succ_{gw} R X a_1 + (A_1^{-1} A_2) R X a_2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\{a_1, a_2\}$  is linearly independent, then for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , there exists  $B_{x,y} \in \mathbf{M}_{n,m}$  such that,  $B_{x,y} a_1 = x$ ,  $B_{x,y} a_2 = y$ , put  $X = B_{x,y}$  in (2.5) thus,

$$\begin{aligned} B_{x,y} a_1 + (A_1^{-1} A_2) B_{x,y} a_2 &\succ_{gw} R B_{x,y} a_1 + (A_1^{-1} A_2) R B_{x,y} a_2 \Rightarrow \\ &x + (A_1^{-1} A_2) y \succ_{gw} R x + (A_1^{-1} A_2) R y, \quad \forall R \in \mathbf{GR}_n. \end{aligned}$$

Then by Lemma 2.8,  $A_1^{-1}A_2 = I$  and hence  $A_2 = A_1$ . For every  $i$  ( $3 \leq i \leq m$ ), if  $a_i = 0$  we can replace  $A_i$  by  $A_1$ . If  $a_i \neq 0$ , then  $\{a_1, a_i\}$  or  $\{a_2, a_i\}$  is a linearly independent set. By the same method as above,  $A_i = A_1$  or  $A_i = A_2$ . Let  $A = A_1$  and hence  $A_i = A$  for every  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ). Therefore,

$$T(X) = [AXa_1 \mid \cdots \mid AXa_m] = AXB,$$

where  $B = [a_1 \mid \cdots \mid a_m]$  is an invertible matrix in  $\mathbf{M}_m$ .

Conversely, if  $T(X) = AXB$  where  $A \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  and  $B \in \mathbf{M}_m$  are invertible matrices, it is trivial that  $T$  strongly preserves gw-majorization.  $\square$

The following statement shows that every strong linear preserver of matrix majorization is an strong linear preserver of gw-majorization but the converse is false.

**PROPOSITION 2.10.** *Let  $T : \mathbf{M}_{n,m} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_{n,m}$  be a linear operator that strongly preserves matrix majorization. Then  $T$  strongly preserves gw-majorization.*

*Proof.* Let  $A \succ_{gw} B$ . Then there exists a g-row stochastic matrix  $R$  such that  $B = RA$ . For the g-row stochastic matrix  $R$ , there exist scalars  $r_1, \dots, r_k$  and row stochastic matrices  $R_1, \dots, R_k$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^k r_i = 1$  and  $R = \sum_{i=1}^k r_i R_i$ . For every  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ),  $A \succ R_i A$  and hence  $T(A) \succ T(R_i A)$ . Then there exist row stochastic matrices  $S_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ), such that  $T(R_i A) = S_i T(A)$ . Put  $S = \sum_{i=1}^k r_i S_i$ , it is clear that  $S$  is a g-row stochastic matrix and  $T(B) = ST(A)$ . Therefore  $T(A) \succ_{gw} T(B)$ . For other side replace  $T$  by  $T^{-1}$  and similarly conclude that  $A \succ_{gw} B$  where  $T(A) \succ_{gw} T(B)$ . Then  $T$  strongly preserves gw-majorization.  $\square$

**EXAMPLE 2.11.** *Let the linear operator  $T : \mathbf{M}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_2$  be such that  $T(X) = AX$ , where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . It is clear that  $T$  strongly preserves gw-majorization by Theorem 2.9. But  $T$  doesn't strongly preserve matrix majorization. For this consider the following matrices:*

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now we state the following corollary that characterize all linear operator that strongly preserve matrix majorization on  $\mathbf{M}_n$ .

**COROLLARY 2.12** (Theorem 5.2 ,7). *A linear operator  $T : \mathbf{M}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{M}_n$  strongly preserves matrix majorization  $\succ$  if and only if  $T(X) = PXL$ , where  $P$  is permutation and  $L \in \mathbf{M}_n$  is invertible.*

*Proof.* Let  $T$  strongly preserves matrix majorization. Then  $T$  strongly preserves gw-majorization by Proposition 2.10. Therefore in view of Theorem 2.9 there exist invertible matrices  $A \in \mathbf{GR}_n$  and  $B \in \mathbf{M}_n$  such that  $T(X) = AXB$  for all  $X \in \mathbf{M}_n$ . For every row stochastic matrix  $R$ , it is clear that  $I \succ R$ . So  $T(I) \succ T(R)$  for every row stochastic matrix  $R$ . Then  $AIB \succ ARB$  and hence  $RA^{-1}$  is a row stochastic matrix, for every row stochastic matrix  $R$ . It is easy to show that  $A^{-1}$  is a row stochastic matrix. Similarly  $A$  is a row stochastic matrix too and hence  $A$  is a permutation matrix.  $\square$

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